

## CONCEPT NOTE

### ISLAMABAD SECURITY DIALOGUE 2023

#### *Beyond Conflict? Resetting the Global Agenda in a Divided World*

#### Pak-China Friendship Centre

10 -11 May 2023

#### Background and Theme

Islamabad Security Dialogue, a flagship event organized by the Government of Pakistan is a platform for critical thinking and robust intellectual discourse on some of the most important and pressing challenges and opportunities facing Pakistan and the wider region.

The third iteration of the two-day hybrid event taking place in Islamabad will be attended by international thinkers and scholars, renowned international media persons, practitioners, members of the federal cabinet, diplomatic corps, former government officials, legal experts, academics, think-tanks and civil society members. The event will be inaugurated by His Excellency Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Under its umbrella of its National Security Policy, Pakistan firmly believes that internal stability and regional peace based on mutual co-existence, connectivity, and shared prosperity are essential prerequisites to optimizing national security. It recognizes the unique pressures emanating from great power competition and believes that global cooperation on shared challenges remain the most viable pathway towards a more inclusive and prosperous future.

The theme for the third edition of Islamabad Security Dialogue is **“Beyond Conflict? Resetting the Global Agenda in a Divided World”**. The two-day event will have 7 sessions titled “Commanders’ Forum: Changing Nature of War”, “Economic Statecraft: Cooperation in an Era of Uncertainty”, “Climate: An Existential Threat”, “National Security Advisers Forum: Conversation about Afghanistan”, “Challenges to International Law and Rules Based Order in the Era of Great Power Competition”, “A Transitioning Global Order; From Competition to Conflict?”, and “Economic Reforms in Pakistan”.